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of the above-mentioned cities and county on December 6, 1899, requesting them to give me definite information on the subject. So far I have received only two replies: Berkley reports 1 case convalescent, Portsmouth declines to give me the information. Norfolk city and Norfolk County have not replied to my interrogatory.

I have seen no cases personally, although I have heard unofficially of several cases in this city recently.

Respectfully,

EDWARD E. FEILD,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

#### REPORTS FROM THE MEXICAN BORDER.

*El Paso, Tex., December 9, 1899.*—I have the honor to report that during the week ended December 9 I examined 120 passengers for successful vaccination on the Mexican Central Railroad. Inspection at the international bridge, 73; vaccination of immigrants, children, and others, 27; disinfection of baggage and household goods, 11; refused entrance on account of being cripples, 3.

Respectfully,

E. ALEXANDER,  
*Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Laredo, Tex., December 12, 1899.*—I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended December 9, 1899: Immigrants inspected and allowed entry, 15; immigrants requiring vaccination and vaccinated, 5. I inspect all passengers from Mexico, but, since raising the quarantine against yellow-fever points, only keep record of immigrants inspected.

Respectfully,

H. J. HAMILTON,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

#### *Smallpox in Mexico near the Texas border.*

EAGLE PASS, TEX., *December 10, 1899.*

SIR: From personal information, I find the following conditions existing adjacent to this point in Mexico:

Cities.	Cases.	Deaths.	Time.
C. P. Diaz.....	1	1	Last 30 days.
San Felipe.....	22	18	Do.
Sabinas.....	17	3	Do.
Progreso.....	20	(a)	Do.
San Juan de Sabinas.....	7	(a)	Do.
Monclova.....	6	1	Do.

a Not known.

The poor people are continually moving from place to place, like birds of the air; they carry the disease with them. As it grows colder, the spread increases.

Respectfully,

C. C. DRAKE,  
*Collector.*